

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1162

By Chumney

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Angus McEachran on the  
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Angus McEachran is one such estimable person who has served with probity as a journalist for 43 years with the E. W. Scripps Company; and

WHEREAS, he will retire from his duties as the Editor and President of *The Commercial Appeal* at the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and proficient scholar, Mr. McEachran attended Memphis State University and George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, during his stay in Washington, D.C., he served two years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and

WHEREAS, after his outstanding tenure with the FBI, Angus McEachran accepted a position as a Copy Clerk with *The Commercial Appeal* in 1959; he later served as a police reporter, general assignment reporter, and as an aviation, education, and medical reporter; and

WHEREAS, due to his relentless work ethic and journalistic talents, Mr. McEachran was named as the Assistant City Editor in 1966, Metro Editor in 1968, and as Assistant Managing Editor in 1970; and

WHEREAS, during his stint as Metro Editor, Mr. McEachran did an outstanding job of supervising the events relating to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; he also traveled to London to cover the arrest and extradition of James Earl Ray; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Mr. McEachran was appointed Executive Editor of the *Birmingham Post-Herald*; six months after accepting this position, Angus McEachran was promoted to Editor and diligently served in this position until 1982; and

WHEREAS, he was named Executive Editor of the *Pittsburgh Press* in 1982, and the following year, he was elevated to the position of Editor, in which capacity he served the *Pittsburgh Press* until 1992; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary tenure at the *Pittsburgh Press* was marked by an unwavering commitment to professional journalism, an unflagging dedication which earned *The Press* two Pulitzer Prize Awards for investigative journalism under the expert guidance of Angus McEachran; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. McEachran returned to *The Commercial Appeal* as Editor and was later named Editor and President in 1994; and

WHEREAS, *The Commercial Appeal* earned a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning in 1994; this marked the third Pulitzer Prize won by a newspaper under the leadership of Angus McEachran; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable character, Mr. McEachran avoided board memberships and positions to avoid potential conflicts of interest, which could have jeopardized his journalistic integrity; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Angus McEachran has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Angus McEachran is fortunate to share love and companionship with his loving wife, Ann McEachran; they are the proud parents of two grown children; and

WHEREAS, Angus McEachran plans to spend his much-deserved retirement serving the Memphis community and working as a Trustee with the Scripps-Howard Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McEachran's exemplary career has epitomized the spirit of professional journalism; he has reached the pinnacle of his profession, guiding his newspaper staffs to three Pulitzer Prizes and leaving an indelible mark on professional journalism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Mr. Angus McEachran on an outstanding career in journalism and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.